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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY CLINTON

BENGALI NEW YEAR – POILA BOISHAKH MESSAGE

APRIL 13 -- On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I send my best wishes to all Bengali-speaking people around the world as you celebrate Poila Boishakh in the coming days. I wish all Bengalis prosperity and happiness in this new year of promise and possibility.

This holiday is an opportunity to honor the rich history of Bengali culture with music, drama and traditional foods. Artists, scientists, politicians and entrepreneurs have positively influenced American culture. Bengali-Americans will join their fellow Bengali family and friends to celebrate the many accomplishments of the Bengali people.

As you celebrate this special day, know that the United States stands with all Bengalis everywhere as we work for a more peaceful and prosperous future. Shubho Nobo Borsho!

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